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David Baunoch, et al.)	
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Serial No.: 09/212,367)	
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Filed : December 15, 1998)	
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)	
AUTOMATED REPROCESSING OF)	
TISSUE SAMPLES)	

REPLY TO DECEMBER 15, 2003 OFFICIAL ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a Reply to the December 15, 2003 Official Action for the above-captioned U.S. patent application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of claims** which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.